(a) whether it has been found by a research that white bread leads to kidney cancer;

(b) if so, the details of further findings published in the international journal for cancer;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to put a check on production of white bread to save the human beings;

(d) the monthly production of white bread in the country; and

(e) whether some cases of cancer as a result of white bread have come to the notice of Government; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Tale of the House.

Planning for development of food processing industries

1339. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Uttar Pradesh is the second largest producer of mangoes, the fourth largest producer of guavas, the highest producer of peas and the second highest producer of sweet potatoes in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are planning to develop food processing industries based on the above products and how much fund has been earmarked for the same;

(c) whether Government have done strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats analysis in this field in the State of U.P. to make the food processing industries profitable for the farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Scheme for

technology upgradation/modernization/establishment of food processing industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs for technology upgradation/modernization/establishment of food processing units all over India including U.P. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is not directly involved in developing or setting up of food processing units. During the last 3 financial years *i.e.* from 2004-05 to 2006-07 (upto February 2007), the Ministry has approved grants of Rs. 3414.69 lakhs for assisting 94 food-processing units in the State of U.P. The Ministry has also provided financial assistance to eligible institutions under the Scheme for infrastructure development, scheme for Promotion of Quality Assurance, Codex Standards, Research & Development and scheme for Human Resource Development. Besides, the Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) has also provided financial assistance in the State for setting up of facilities like Mango Pack-house and laboratory for testing products.

(c) and (d) The Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats in any particular field is done by the respective State Governments concerned to identify the potentialities of the State. However, a State level Task Force under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Industries), Government of Uttar Pradesh has been constituted for the State to guide and make recommendations to the Central Government on various aspects for the development of food processing industries in the State.

New food processing industrial units in the country

1340. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new food processing industrial units started by Government during May, 2004 to February, 2007, State-wise; and

(b) the assistance provided by his Ministry to unemployed youth, SCs and STs in particular to start food processing units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The